

PATENT APPLICATION  
Our Docket No. 970663.CNC

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re App : Gheng Zhang et al. : February 24, 2003  
Serial No. : 09/206,329 : Group Art Unit 3762  
Filed : December 8, 1998 : Exam. George Evanisko  
For : AUTOCAPTURE PACING/SENSING  
CONFIGURATION

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of this continuing application, it is requested that this paper be answered and considered. The shortened-statutory period for response was set to expire in three months or on January 22, 2003. Accordingly, a request for a one-month extension is enclosed to extend that deadline until today, February 24, 2003.

Please enter the following amendments:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claims 1, 11, 12, 14, 15, 19, 29, 30, 32 and 33 as follows:

*Sub H1* 1. (Five Times Amended) A cardiac pacing system for use with unipolar or bipolar atrial and ventricular pacing and sensing leads, said cardiac pacing system including:  
(a) an atrial lead having atrial electrodes comprising an atrial tip electrode and an atrial ring electrode electrically coupled thereto;